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NORWOOD PEDESTRIAN PLAN SUMMARY

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RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

1. Form a Pedestrian Needs Committee
2. Develop and adopt a Comprehensive Land Use Plan
3. Engage in community planning for infill of large, underdeveloped parcels in Town
4. Coordinate with Stanly County on areas outside Norwood's ETJ.
5. Address consistent transportation planning.
6. Coordinate with Norwood community stakeholders.
7. Enact policy and ordinance changes.

THE PEDESTRIAN VISION

Walkability and connectivity become guiding principles of town growth so that walking will be a more realistic, safe and convenient option for reaching everyday destinations.

Through the creation and improvement of public destination points along its shoreline, with pedestrian linkages to the Town, that Norwood serve its own community and the region by providing greater access to Lake Tillery.

That Norwood maintain its small town atmosphere where sidewalk conversations are the norm, and where residents and visitors find pedestrian amenities such as sidewalks, streetlights, benches, street trees, planters and such that add comfort, visual interest, and create safe havens for walkers of all ages.



CURRENT CHALLENGES

Heavy traffic along Hwy. 52 creates unsafe conditions for pedestrians on Main Street.

The extent and condition of existing sidewalks and crosswalks are insufficient to meet current needs.

Despite the presence of creeks that lead to desirable destination points, there are no trail systems to link them and various Lake Tillery access points.

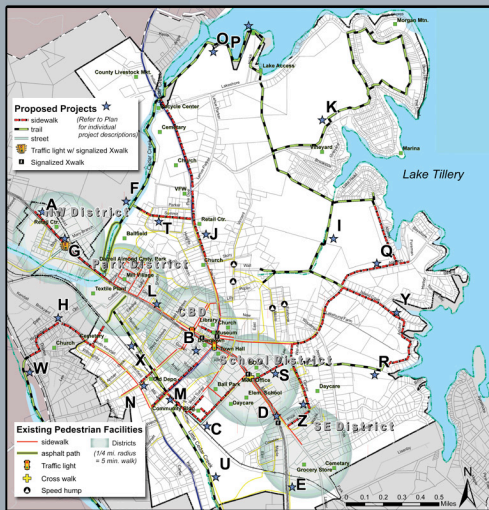
Long straight roads through Town encourage speeding.

Many existing sidewalks are inadequately lit.

New developments tend toward segregated land uses, putting residences farther away and out of convenient walking distance from retail and commercial services.

Primary streets generally lack street trees.

Insufficient pedestrian warnings are present for drivers.



COMPREHENSIVE SYSTEM MAP

PROJECTS

- A. Northwest District sidewalk
- B. Central Business District Projects
- C. College & Turner Street connection
- D. Crosswalk at Main & Fork
- E. Speed limit signage on Hwy. 52 at Fork Road
- F. Cedar Creek Trail
- G. Stanly School traffic light with signalized crosswalk
- H. Brickyard walk
- I. "New Norwood" Trail
- J. Pee Dee sidewalk extension
- K. Vineyard Trail
- L. Main Street Sidewalk repair
- M. Community Center sidewalk
- N. Whitley Street sidewalk connection
- O. "Snuggs Trail"
- P. Snuggs Access Point
- Q. Allenton sidewalk extension
- R. Acorn Acres Trail
- S. Ray Lee Street sidewalk
- T. Summit Street sidewalk
- U. Big Cedar Creek Trail
- V. Rocky River Trail segment
- W. Little Cedar Creek Trail
- X. Railroad Trail
- Y. Island Cove Sidewalk
- Z. Carver & Price Street Sidewalk

